From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Aug. 24.

Rome, Auguſt 4.

THE 22d of laſt Month a Congregation was held of all the Cardinals, to conſider of the Pretentions of the Emperour on the Dutchy of Parma and Piacenza; and the Reſult of this Congregation could not at firſt be diſcover'd, becauſe Secreſy was ſtrictly enjoyn'd and obſerv'd: But it has ſince appear'd by the Orders which have been given, that the Reſolution was for War. Count Marſigli took Poſſeſſion that Day of the Office of Lieutenant General of the Pope's Troops: The next Day the Pope's Nephew Don Alexander Albani was declar'd Collonel of Dragoons; and divers Meaſures relating to the military Preparations have ſince been taken. While Affairs were in this Train, the Courier who was going to Naples with the News of the Battle of Audenarde, paſs'd through this City the 26th; and this Court were not a little ſurpriz'd to hear of an Occurrence they did not expect. Many are of Opinion, that had this Courier arriv'd at Rome before the Congregation was held, it might have given a different Turn to Affairs, becauſe the Cardinals who were for Peace would probably have brought over the Majority of Votes to their Side. 'Tis therefore look'd upon as unlucky, that the Courier did not arrive ſooner, or that the Congregation was not held later. Yet we are not without Hopes of an Accommodation; for this Court have Ways enow ſtill to avoid a War which they are averſe to. The Queen Dowager of Poland's Heydukes having oppos'd ſome Sbirri who came to ſerve an Execution near her Majeſty's Palace, the Pope ſent all the Sbirri ſupported by a Company of Soldiers, who ſiez'd ſome of the Queen's domeſtick Servants in her Palace, and carried them to Priſon: Her *Majeſty* being highly incen'd at this Inſult, has given notice by printed Bills, that all Perſons to whom ſhe owes any thing, may come and receive their *Money* of her. 'Tis believ'd ſhe deſigns to retire to France.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Aug. 21.

From the Camp of the Duke of Savoy *at* Bardonanche *in Dauphine*, Aug. 4. All the Motions of his Royal Highneſs to the 28th paſt, were intended only to put the Change upon the Marſhal de Villars; who imagining the Feinte his Royal Highneſs made to penetrate by the Fort of Barraux, to be a real Deſign, drew almoſt all his Forces that Way, and left very few Troops to defend Exilles and Feneſtrelles. His Royal Highneſs being got as far as St. Jean de Maurienne, detach'd on the 29th paſt General Rhebinder with 14 Battallions towards *Modane*, to paſs the Col (or Paſſage) de la Roue and Mount Genevre, and poſſeſs himſelf of Sezane and Oulx. General Rhebinder having beaten the French from the firſt Paſſage, with the Loſs of only 3 Men kill'd and 3 wounded, poſſeſs'd himſelf next of Mount Genevre without any Reſiſtance; M. de Muret, who was poſted on it with 6 Battallions, abandoning it without making any Defence. General Rhebinder proceeding, took Priſoners in the Towns of Sezane and Oulx 9 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, and 110 Soldiers: Thence he advanc'd towards Briancon, as far as the Durance; ſo that Exilles, Feneſtrelles, la Perouſe, and their Valleys, are cut off, M. de Villars being at too great a Diſtance to ſuccour them. The 31ſt of laſt Month his Royal Highneſs follow'd General Rhebinder with the whole Army, which the 2d of this Month enter'd the Territories of France, and encamp'd at Bardonanche in the Pragelas. Exilles is defended but by 500 Men, and will be attack'd in 2 Places.

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From the Duke of Savoy's Camp at Baronanche *in* Dauphine, Aug. 7. We only wait for Artillery to begin the Siege of Exilles. Our Troops are divided into ſeveral Bodies: Part keep Poſſeſſion of Mount Genevre and of the Hills of Briançon; another Part is at Sezane; and the ſtrongeſt Body is here. The 5th his Royal Highneſs took a View of the Hills of Briançon, and will decamp to Morrow to march to Oulx with all his Troops, except 8 or 10 Battallions which he will leave here. His Royal Highneſs has determin'd not to leave theſe Quarters before he has taken Exilles and Feneſtrelles.

They write from the Frontiers of Savoy, that the Marſhal de Villars is advanc'd towards Briançon; that M. de Vatteville is in the Tarantaiſe with 1500 Men, and the Count de *Medavi* in the Maurienne with 8 or 10 Battallions.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated Auguſt 25.

Paris, Aug. 20. By a Courier from the *Marſhal* de Villars we were at firſt inform'd, that the *Duke* of Savoy's Project was to cut off the Communication of what is call'd the little Route or Road between Grenoble and Briançon; and ſo to leave behind the Town of Briancon, attack that of Ambrun which is large and well peopled but open and defenceleſs, and afterwards block up not only Exilles and Feneſtrelles but likewiſe Briançon and Mount Dauphin: And by a ſecond Courier who arriv'd at Fontainbleau the 15th at Night we have the following News in a Letter from an Officer written at the Camp of St. Sicaire the 12th Inſtant.

'We have made a moſt ſurprizing March ſince we 'left the Fort of Barraux. The 10th we arriv'd 'at Mount Genevre, which the Marſhal de Villars immediately caus'd to be poſſeſs'd by '1200 *Men* commanded by the Count de *Muret*, 'and ſupported by 12 Battallions under the Count 'd' Artagnan: The ſame Day our indefatigable General took a View in Perſon of the Enemy's Army 'who were encamp'd on the Hills of Sezane, and 'had poſted ſtrong Detachments in level Grounds 'at the Foot of thoſe Hills, to ſtop our *March*. 'Having well obſerv'd their Diſpoſition, he reſolv'd 'to attack them and carry the two Towns of Sezane. To this end he detach'd 2500 *Men*, half 'of them Grenadiers; and gave the command of 'them to the Count de *Muret* and the *Marquis* de 'Guerchois Brigadiers of Foot, with *M.* d' Autre 'and Pajot Collonels of the Regiments of la Saare 'and Beauvoiſis. This Detachment divided equally into two Bodies, deſcended *Mount* Genevre by 'the two Roads. The Body commanded by the 'Count de *Muret* found on this ſide of Sezane 7 'or 800 of the Enemy, who ſtood his firſt Fire 'with great Firmneſs: The Action was vigorous on 'both Sides; but the Enemy gave Way: And 'the other Detachment under the *Marquis* de 'Guerchois, which had been retarded half an Hour 'longer than was reckon'd, becauſe the Road they 'paſs'd was broke up, arriv'd when the Enemy began to retire into the two Towns of Sezane. During this Action, other Troops of the Enemy deſcending on another ſide, drew up in Battalia, and '3 of their Battallions advanc'd within Piſtol-ſhot of 'Sezane on little Hills which command thoſe 2 Towns, 'which are incloſ'd with Walls having good Battlements. The Duke of Savoy who had lain the 'Night before in Sezane, was at the Head of his 'Troops which he had caus'd to advance from his 'Camp at Chanlos and Seſtrieres: Notwithſtanding which, the King's Troops with Intrepidity 'that cannot be too much extoll'd, paſs'd the little 'River Doria and broke in among the Enemy who 'had retir'd into the Towns of Sezane. The Fire 'was very hot, and our Grenadiers gave no Quarter. 'Tis reckon'd above 1100 of the Enemy 'were kill'd on the Spot, and above 1000 taken 'Priſoners. M. de Villars commends very much 'the Marquis de Thouy, who tho' Lieutenant-General for the Day, was every where in the thickeſt 'of the Fire: He alſo commends M. de Muret, 'Guerchois, and Collonel d' Autre. In a Word, 'the Officers and Soldiers who were in this Action 'acquitted themſelves perfectly well. Thoſe who 'know the Country and its Situation, will be ſurpriz'd to hear that ſo ſmall a Number of the 'King's Troops ſhould poſſeſs themſelves of theſe 'two Towns, protected by Part of the Enemy's

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' Army animated by the Presence of the Duke of ' Savoy. This Letter adds, we are just going to march after the Enemy, who have abandon'd to us all the Camps they were possess'd of. But the Joy this News gave us, is all quash'd by the Account we have receiv'd that the Governour of Exilles has yielded up that important Fort, tho' he had a Garrison of 800 Men, and the Marshal de Villars had assur'd him he would relieve him. This Loss extremely over-balances all the Advantage we would even be thought to have gain'd at Sezane: But 'tis given out the Marshal de Villars has besieg'd that Fort, in order to retake it.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Aug. 23.

Francfort, Aug. 19. They write from Saxony, that 8000 Men which King Augustus has put into the Service of Great Britain and Holland, have receiv'd Order to March to Brabant.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Aug. 25.

Cologne, August 21. This Morning some Servants of the Duke of Wirtemberg arriv'd here with Horses and Equipage, and are to proceed to Flanders, whither 'tis said that Duke will follow, and that divers other Potentates will do the like. 'Tis rumour'd here, that the Cardinal of Saxe-Zeyts will be made Elector of Cologne; and that he will make his publick Entry into Bon in October next.

From the Paris Letter, dated Aug. 20.

Paris, Aug. 20. They write from Court, that the King's Army in Flanders will not decamp till the Duke of Burgundy hears that the Trenches are open'd against Lisle; and that he will then leave 20 or 30 Battalions at Ghent and Bruges, and joyn the Duke of Berwick with the rest of his Troops. So that we expect to hear of Action. The Major of Bologne is arriv'd at Court, to inform the King that the Enemy's Fleet from the Isle of Wight had approach'd the Coast, and landed some Troops there; but that so great a Fire was made upon them that they were oblig'd to retire, with the Loss of 7 or 800 Men: The Court speak with great Commendation of the Zeal and Bravery of the People of Bologne. 'Tis reported, that the Duke of Orleans being inform'd General Staremberg design'd to make himself Master of an important Post, detach'd the Count d'Estain, who made such Expedition that he prevented the Enemy; and that his Royal Highness follow'd him close with the Army, to endeavour to draw General Staremberg to a Battle.

From the Ant. and Amst. Cour. dated Aug. 24 &c.

Paris, Aug. 20. The 18th Instant the Ambassador of Sweden had a private Audience of the King, and notified to his Majesty the Victory gain'd over the Muscovites by his Swedish Majesty the 14th of last Month. The Cardinal de Noailles our Archbishop has receiv'd Order from Court, to cause publick Prayers to be made in the Churches of this City 14 Days, to implore the Blessing of the Almighty on the Arms of his Majesty, and a speedy and honourable Peace. Father la Chaise lies a dying, and Father d'Ez is made the King's Confessor in his Room.

Ghent, Aug. 22. Yesterday the Duke of Burgundy took a Review of the Army of the two Crowns, which hold themselves in a readiness to march. The French give out here, that all the Works about the City and Citadel of Lisle are undermin'd, and flatter themselves that the Allies cannot make themselves Masters of them without a great Expence of Time and Men. As much as they were rejoyc'd in the Camp of Lovendeghem for the Victory of the Swedes over the Muscovites, so much are they mortified for the Defeat of Prince Ragotski by General Heister.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Aug. 25.

From the Camp before Lisle, Aug. 20. Hitherto our Time has been spent in viewing and considering the Situation of the Ground round Lisle, with respect to the Advantage or Disadvantage of attacking it in one Part or other; in securing all the Posts and Avenues; in making Lines of Circumvallation (5 or 6 Miles in Compass) and Contravallation; and in erecting several Redoubts. The 17th came hither the heavy Artillery from Menin. To Morrow Night the Trenches will be open'd before the Gate of St. Maurice and also towards la Magdelene, and both those Trenches will have a Communication together. The 25th we shall begin to fire upon the Town, and the Men of military Experience reckon it will be in our Hands by the 5th or 6th of September; after which we shall attack the Citadel from the Town, for its Situation renders it very difficult to attack it on the side towards the Country. The Marshal de Boufflers has with him in the Place 19 whole Battallions, 3 Battallions which suffer'd much in the Battle of Audenarde, some Companies of Invalids, and 7 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons; but of these at least 30 or 40 desert to us daily. The Magistrates have sent out Deputies to Prince Eugene, to desire his Highness to spare their Persons, Houses, and Effects, as much as possible. The Women are allow'd Passports to come out, and none are refus'd that desire it. Yesterday Morning a Cannon-ball pass'd thro' the Apartment of the Prince of Nassau Friseland, and kill'd his Valet de Chambre who was close by him just going to shave him: Hereupon Prince Eugene desir'd his Highness to remove to Quarters less expos'd, which he did. King Augustus, the Landgrave of Hesse, and the Margrave of Bareith, are expected here this Evening; and 'tis rumour'd that the Elector of Mentz, the Duke of Wirtemberg, and other Potentates will also come hither. P. S. We have taken a Redoubt two Musquet-shot distant from the City, it being judg'd necessary for us to be Masters of it before we open the Trenches; in taking of it we lost but one Man. A Spanish Officer of the Garrison in the City, is come over to us with the Men he commanded at his Post: He reports that the Consternation in the Place is very great. A Man was taken Yesterday, with Letters about him from M. Lee Commandant of the Place to M. de Chamillard, in which he acquaints that Minister that all is in a good Condition, and that he hopes to deserve the King's Esteem by the Defence he shall make.

Hague, Aug. 24. The Trenches were open'd before Lisle the 21st at Night, with the Loss of no more than 3 Men. They write from Paris, that the King had sent Order to his Generals in the Netherlands to attempt the Relief of Lisle at any Hazard: Accordingly the Armies under the Dukes of Burgundy and Berwick made Preparations to move the 22d in order to joyn: But the Duke of Marlborough passing the Scheide with his Army, to be ready to make Head against them, they still keep in their former Camps. 'Tis said, that upon the first Notice of a Probability that there may be a general Engagement, Prince Eugene will hasten from the Camp before Lisle with all his Horse to joyn the Duke of Marlborough.

A Rhinoceros about 20 Years since was brought from Siam in India, which in Strength and Colour is like the Elephant, upon his Nose groweth a large and sharp Horn, on its Back are many Divisions like the Shells of a Tortoise, its Skin is so extreme hard no Dart can pierce it, each Foot hath 3 Hoofs. In a word, this admirable Creature, from the Tip of its Nose to the End of his Tail, differs from all other Beasts, except only in Eyes and Ears. To be seen with its Skelleton, near the Faulcon on the Road to Hide-Park, turning down to May-Fair.

Mr. Peter Bratharton, Son of George Bratharton, having his Life in a Lease of Mrs. Catherine Bratharton's, which is in danger of being lost, there being none but his in the said Lease, any Person that can tell where he may be found is desir'd to give notice to Catherine Bratharton living on the Side of Ravensmore near Nampt-wich in Cheshire, or to Mr. Nicholas Dollett in Dolphin-yard in West-Smithfield.

A Pair of fresh Black Stone-Horses, with bald Faces, 3 White Feet each, newly broke and drove in Coach, 7 Years old this Grass, fit for present use, are to be Sold and may be seen at the New-Stables in Meeting-House-Alley, Wapping.

A Course of Chymistry, consisting of near 100 of the most Useful Operations, will begin the 6th Day of September next, (or sooner, if there comes a Company) Perform'd by Mr. Wilson at his Elaboratory in Well-yard by St. Bartholomew's Hospital in Smithfield. The Terms are 2 Guineas and a Half, one Guinea Entrance, and one Guinea and a Half at the beginning of the Course. Those Gentlemen who design to go thro' this Course, are desir'd forthwith to bring or send their Entrance to the Place aforesaid. If their Business so fall out that they cannot attend the Course, their Entrance shall be return'd when 'tis demanded.

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An Exact Plan of Lisle, with all its Fortifications, Citadel, &c. together with a particular Map of that part of French Flanders which lies adjacent to it, Tournay, Audenarde, &c. By John Senex and Cha. Price. Sold by H. Overton at the White Horse without Newgate, J. Hyde Stationer behind the Royal Exchange, and P. Varenne near Sommerset-House in the Strand; and where may be had a Hexagon fortified, explaining all the Term's us'd in Fortification, Attacking and Defending of Places.

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